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## They'll Do It Every Time



## ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by **KEN McLEOD**

The common diseases of the white man killed far more Indians than ever did any of the famous Indian wars. For some reason or other we do not have much of an early record of the epidemics that must have struck through the lodges of the Kiapahas and Modocs for no tribe appeared to be immune. There are many stories of the cholera and smallpox epidemics that struck along the emigrant routes among the plains Indians. Thus we learn that smallpox first reached the Plains from the Eastern seaboard before 1756, the Indian tribes at that time were widely scattered and there was little communication between them.

Terror came with the great epidemic of 1837 and 1838, when smallpox was introduced by infected articles from a Missouri River steamer to the American Fur Company. The Mandans were the first victims; there had been sixteen hundred of them but when the pestilence had run its course there were but thirty-one left.

Four thousand Assiniboines died, and the spirit of that great tribe was broken forever. Five hundred Gros Ventres perished in a single month, and 1,400 Blackfeet in six weeks. That epidemic wiped out one third of the Indian population of the Plains. At that time, however, the tribes west of the Rocky Mountains were spared because the white man had not extended his roads and trade extensively into the region.

It was a decade later that the scourge was introduced to the Indians of the Pacific slope; the Indians may have been right in suspecting that the infection was imported in some supplies for the Whitman Mission in the Walla Walla country. They retaliated by murdering Dr. Whitman and 13 other whites.

In 1869 the scourge of smallpox again struck along the emigrant trails and spread widely through the Montana Territory. The pitiful remnant of the Gros Ventres and the southern bands of the Blackfeet were the first to contact the disease. One segment of the Assiniboine tribe, warned in time, fled the country and escaped infection. The plague spread rapidly north and during midwinter crossed the border of the Montana Territory and swept along the Rockies through the camps of the Bloods, Piegans, Northern Blackfeet and Sarcees.

There is little evidence to show that diseases prevailed among the Indian tribes of North America prior to the advent of the white man. The traditions of the Indians, the existence among them of elaborate healing rites of undoubtedly ancient origin, their plant lore, in which curative properties are attributed to many vegetable substances, and the presence among them of a numerous class of professional healers, honored, feared, and usually well paid, would seem to indicate that diseases were not rare, but actual knowledge and even tradition as to their nature are wanting.

Archaeologists have been exceedingly interested in the skeletal remains of Indians to be found in ancient burials because the condition of the bones would give some information upon the health of these former inhabitants. The evidence gained from the examination of the bones of these Indians, the testimony of early observers, and the present state of some of the tribes in this regard, all lead to the conclusion that on the whole the aboriginal Indian race was a comparatively healthy one.

The Indian tribes before the coming of the white man had been spared from some of the diseases of the Old World, such as cholera, smallpox and rickets, while other scourges such as tuberculosis, syphilis, typhus, cholera, scarlet fever,

## Hal Boyle

### CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

**By DEB ADDISON**

BEST NEWS OF the week came, not from Washington nor Geneva nor Guatemala, but from the bus station in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The Red Ball Stage line has extended schedules so you can go from here to Lakeview and do business and come home again the same day — or vice versa.

More important — ahem — is that our friends in Lake County tonight read it in the Herald and News at the same time that you are in Mills Addition or Tulelake or Dorris.

It used to be that all subscribers outside of Klamath Falls got the paper by mail, and so read it a day late. With our own afternoon auto routes and now the afternoon Red Ball run east, all but a few thousand subscribers can read today's news today.

Speaking of Guatemala, and just to show you how times change, do you remember when the fancy Latin American republics were the subject for every kind of joke on their politico-revolutionary affairs? 'Tain't so any more, and it should be pointed out to Senator McCarthy on the TV front and to John Foster Dulles on the striped pants front, that Guatemala disposed of its Communist problem with a quick 12-day revolution.

Comic opera or not, wouldn't it be something to give McCarthy and Stevens a handful of muskets and let them get it over with in 12 days of sniping?

Lester Henn now is president of the Oregon Poultry Hatchery Association — we hear that he's a good egg.

One of the benefits of having a professional promotion program for potatoes already is on the way, before a cent of advertising money has been spent.

Perhaps you saw a large ad in the city papers for Minute Rice. It showed artist drawings of two women. One was a poor bedraggled, disheveled, forlorn, haggard, exhausted looking gal starting to peel some rough, knotty excuses for potatoes. The other was a bright, chipper, cheerful, happy lass in the act of opening a package of rice.

It was a "dirty pool" ad, entirely in poor taste and out of the bounds of established ethics in advertising.

The Oregon Potato Commission has lodged a protest. More important, Mill Folland of Pacific National Advertising Agency, which is at work on our potato advertising program, has taken it up officially with the American Association of Advertising Agencies.

It was the AAAA which some years ago put the quietus on a similar below-the-belt program "Reach for a Lucky instead of a sweet."

Speaking of "coffin nails," the tobacco industry hasn't had much to say since the American Cancer Society's report that it found a death rate from heart disease and cancer among male cigarette smokers as much as 75 percent higher than among non-smokers in the 50-

## BILLBOARD



**By BILL JENKINS**

There's a lot of chopping and clearing going on up around the Rocky Point, Cold Spring Junction these days as Bob Sloan swings into the final phase of opening up his Sportsman Park, Klamath County's newest summer home development.

Right at the present Bob has some 24 lots set and ready to go on the slope overlooking the junction, and ambitious plans for more to come in the future. He's also got a flock of 'em laid out along the meadow where Fourmile Creek meanders along.

We went up and took a look the other day and were favorably impressed by what had been done. It's rugged country in there, with a slope ridge splitting the lake side of the site that affords some really beautiful building sites. The lots are laid out with enough room for a man to turn around in and feel like he's really outdoors, old Mt. Pitt looms up over the whole thing like a watchful dog, the lake is only a short stroll across the way, pretty nice setup all the way around.

Bob has worked the plan out pretty well, and has favorable connections on both sides, which will help no end. To the north is Harman Lodge, and he has an arrangement whereby if you own one of his lots and build on it you can keep your boat and motor over at Harman, only a four minute walk away. To the south is the Frontier Lodge with its restaurant and lounge facilities. You can drive up in a matter of a half an hour over good roads, and the road will be kept open all winter.

The sporting element enters the picture in a statement of Bob's aimed mostly at the folks from over in the valley who are hunting homesites.

"If you can find one rattlesnake or one piece of poison oak or poison ivy you can have the lot for free."

If you have ever lived over in the Willamette Valley you know what a dread threat poison oak and ivy are. Half the people who go outdoors over there spend a week or two swelled up like a poisoned pup.

The picture at the head of this column, incidentally, was taken at the site of one of the top tier lots, Mt. Pitt was in the background of the picture, but so faint that it didn't show up by the time we got into the paper with the picture.

We're glad to see development coming to the Upper Lake. It's one of the prettiest spots in the West, one of the best of the recreational lakes yet undeveloped to a large extent, and one of the most accessible of all summer vacation spots.

We have to remember that there are a lot of beautiful spots in our great West, but that many of them are beyond the reach of the average summer vacation family.

The sportsman will follow the fish or the birds or the deer or whatever he is after. Nothing can stop him. He'll reach the back country streams if he wants to fish bad enough to bust his car up getting into 'em, or wearing his feet out or his pocketbook out, hiking in or taking a pack string.

But the average summer tourist family, maybe a couple and two or three children, will take off in the family car, loaded to the roof with tennis rackets, golf clubs, water skis, books, magazines, cameras and painting supplies. They aren't the type that are going to beat themselves to death over poor roads getting somewhere where they can enjoy themselves. They want a readily accessible spot that offers something for every member of the family.

And Upper Klamath and the Klamath Basin can furnish them with an enjoyable spot. Anywhere around the shores of the lake they can find plenty of material for taking scenic pictures and making water colors of the aspens that dot the meadows. There is bird life in plenty for those who are in-

## James Marlow

**WASHINGTON** — Twenty-five years from now — if by then the Communist wave has receded or is lapping at American shores — the cause may be traced back to this country's decision, or lack of it, on the dilemma of 1954.

The dilemma is what to do about the Communist threat in Southeast Asia where the French, in Indochina, are melting under the torrid drive of the Communist-led Vietminh.

What decision has this country made so far? None. It is going to plan with the British and other Allies for united action in Southeast Asia against the Communists if they —

If they do what? Nobody knows. At this moment the United States doesn't seem to know whether a line will have to be drawn in Indochina against the Communists, or perhaps outside Indochina because that country couldn't be defended any longer.

There is even no certainty that a line will ever be drawn or that the Allies will in fact ever act together, or separately, to keep Southeast Asia out of communism.

Indochina has three states: Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia. The fighting between French and the Vietminh is in Viet Nam. The French are being smashed. They may be forced to field all of Viet Nam unless the Allies intervene. There is no such thing as the Allies have any such intention.

If Viet Nam falls to the Communists, Laos and Cambodia may fall next unless the Allies step in and tell the Communists: "No further." There's no sign they intend to do that either.

Once the Communists got Indochina, they could pump supplies across the border to help revolutionary Communists in neighboring states like Burma and Thailand, just as China helped the Vietminh.

The lack of decision by America and its allies stirred Sen. Knowland and California yesterday. Knowland, the Republican leader in the Senate, had urged the United States to bomb China during the Korean War.

Less than a month ago he said the United States will have to "face up to the fact" it may have to fight in Indochina. Yesterday looking at Viet Nam slowly falling to the Communists and little being done to stop it, he said:

"Where do we go from here? How many more Communist victories must be gained in Asia before the free world recognizes the danger?"

He continued: Will the non-Communist countries cling to their feeling it is not worth the risk of fighting when it comes to Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Formosa, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand?

When the crisis came in Indochina — although all year the Eisenhower administration had been talking of the importance of Indochina and how, if it fell, all Southeast Asia stood in peril — the President's advisers were divided on what to do.

Meanwhile, China, the main enemy, could stand aloof, sending in supplies to the Vietminh, letting the Vietminh do the dying. If China sent in her own troops, the United States would face another decision: whether to bomb China. That might bring in Russia, on China's side, and start World War III.

But, as Knowland noted, if the United States never moves in any where, the Communists in time will try to take over everywhere.

## Telling The Editor

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Barbara Rentle, Bly Grange Reporter, Bly Grange No. 771, Bly, Oregon

## Mrs. FDR Trip Plans Fold

**NEW YORK** (AP) — Within hours of scheduled departure time, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt canceled plans Thursday for a trip to Russia because Soviet officials had withheld a visa for a trained newsmen or Russian speaking writer to accompany her visit.

At a news conference in the office of Look Magazine for which she was to make the trip to write of her observations, the widow of the former President suggested perhaps the Soviet Union was trying to force her to go on its terms or "mistrusted" her. Or, she said, it might be just inefficiency.

In any event she said this month was the only time she had available for the month-long trip so she was canceling her plans. She was scheduled to leave at 4 p.m.

Reading from a prepared statement Mrs. Roosevelt said visas had been granted her and her secretary, Miss Patricia Ballgordon, but that an application for William Attwood, Paris editor for Look, had been "completely ignored." A subsequent request also was ignored.

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## Sam Dawson

**NEW YORK** (AP) — The consumer — and aren't we all? — can take a sunny view of the rest of the year.

Jobs should be a little easier to find. Wages and fringe benefits in many cases will be a little higher. Work weeks should average closer to 40 hours again — and therefore paychecks will be a little fatter.

It shouldn't cost any more to live, and bargains will be found for the looking. There'll be an abundance of things to buy and salesmen eager to get your trade.

Credit will be easier and money plentiful in the bank — meaning it'll be easier for you to get into debt. But the interest you pay should be no higher, if as high.

These prospects are based on the widely held belief that the slide from the war boom is around the bottom now, that after the usual summer doldrums, business in general will start up, noticeably, if moderately.

The layoffs that made the early months of the year a bad time for many American families are coming much less often now. The average work week has just started to reverse itself and lengthen again.

If businessmen are right in their belief that inventory trimming is about over, a return to normal ordering practices should increase factory production this fall. This would mean you'll work longer weeks or go back to work if laid off.

Hourly wage increases granted this year in some industries will mean fatter paychecks as working weeks lengthen.

So far this year the total paid out in wages and salaries is down from a year ago. But personal income has stayed high nationally because of an increase in other forms of income. Dividends payment totals are higher, and unemployment and pension benefits have increased. Tax cuts also help sweeten take-home pay.

Prices are just as likely to drop as to rise. Merchants and manufacturers have plenty of goods they'd like to sell. Rising cost problems may tempt them to hike prices. Competition and fear of your reaction is more likely to keep them from it. The majority opinion in business and industry is that the present price levels will be largely unchanged at year's end.

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